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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch Information Letter No.: I-97-04

TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

**STATE PREMIUM PAYMENT HANDBOOK**

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This letter is to inform you that the State Premium Payment Handbook has been revised and will soon be available for distribution.

In accordance with Section 50777 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, all Medi-Cal recipients eligible for Medicare Part B are required to participate in the Medicare Buy-In Program. The handbook provides important information to county eligibility workers concerning Medi-Cal, Medicare, and the Premium Payment Program. In addition, a detailed reference section is included to assist eligibility workers with the Buy-In Program.

To properly coordinate the distribution and allocation of the handbooks, we are requesting that each county identify at least one individual to assist with the distribution effort. Please submit the name, title, unit or division address, and telephone number of the selected individual to the Department of Health Services by **April 21, 1997**.

Reply directly to: Mr. Jason Rogers, Analyst  
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Mr. Rogers will then contact the individual(s) to establish a distribution list for the handbooks which are expected to be delivered in early March 1997. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Rogers of the Health Insurance Section at (916) 323-9523.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch